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Law Against Hob Law.

A flag that does not protect its citizens is a dirty rag. A nation that cannot give to its inhabitants the rights and privileges guaranteed by the constitution on which it is based is a weak and nerveless thing. Yesterday Nicholls, of Louisiana, attempted to perform the functions of an office to which he was elected, if elected at all, by intimidation, violence and the shedding of innocent blood. He and his White-Line associates have seized New Orleans by force, trampled law and order under foot, and now have its streets crowded with armed mobs, disturbing the peace of the city and endangering the lives of its inhabitants. The duly constituted authorities of Louisiana declared Packard elected by a bond fide majority. All the violence, fraud, corrup-tion and murder of the Democracy before the election did not save them from defeat. In the face of the action of the Returning Board, which by law is final and con-clusive, they claim the election of Nicholls, and are now attempting the overthrow of the legally elected Governor. It is the work of a high-handed mobocracy, which is under the control of an usurper, who is acting on the advice of politicians in Grammercy Park. If it be not revolution, then what is it! Here we have armed men, guided by a defeated politician, assailing the lawfully declared elected Governor of a great Commonwealth. They by force and arms seize the court-house and turn out the legally-appointed judges. They arm a great mob of citizens and call them militia. They trample on the rights of the executive officer of the State, besiege and hold him a prisoner in the State-house. Batteries commanded by these mobs are planted in front of the Governor's office. They invest the State-house, and will not allow egress or ingress. The Governor, finding that the mob rioters will overcome him and seize the documents, official papers and building itself, telegraphs for Federal assistance, and is refused it, while the United States troops are lying on their arms almost within the sound of his voice. The Constitution says that every State shall have and be protected in a rebublican form of gov-ernment. Does the forcible seizure of

The Two Ways of Influencing the

tisan mob.

the public offices by unlawfully armed bands mean a republican form of gov-

ment? Does prostrating the powers of the

duly elected and constitutionally declared

Executive have the semblance of a republican

form of government? No, these things mean

a subversion of that government and the sub-

stitution of mob rule. Such is the condition

of affairs in Louisiana to-day. Packard can-

not hold out much longer against the over-

powering numbers of the revolutionists.

Another day will tell the story whether the

decision of lawfully constituted authorities is

to give way to the demands of a lawless par

Count.
There are two ways of influencing Congress in counting the votes. One is by urging through the intelligent and business elements of the country an amicable settlement of the matter according to the Constitution and traditional powers of counting the votes. The other is by bull-dozing. The former is the mode adopted by the Republican party and the latter that which the Democracy propose to follow. One means tranquillity and a peaceful settlement of the intricate problem. The other means a passionate consideration of the great question at issue, and revolution in the event of any but a Democratic success in the pending contest. The Republican party is wielding i's peace weapons through the petitions presented to the National Legislature by the business and peace-hoping citizens of the Republic, in which amicable settlement of the present difficulties is earnestly urged. The Bourbons are flourishing the weapons of strife and sedition by haranguing the masses with incendiary and passionate speeches, which only tend to kindle a vicious party feeling and promote any but a judicial temper.

The Democratic party for twenty years has been the disturbing element in American polltics. It has opposed every proposition that has been made which tended to the advancement and interest of the common country. The Northern faction of this party has been the devil's handmaid in his assault on the National Government. It egged the South on to war, and then sided them in the unrighteous attempt to destroy national unity. It urged the South to oppose reconstruction and the exercise of the franchise privileges conferred on the blacks. It advanced the idea of the White-Line policy, and promoted its prosecution by every available means. It has and does countenance the violence and murder perpetrated by armed mobs for the purpose of securing national power and supremacy. It was defeated in this barbaric and lawless scheme, and now proposes to still disturb the peace of the country by grasping that which they have not won, in foisting a President upon the people whom they have not elected. This they intend to do by intimidating Congress through hostile demonstrations. This is the bull-dozing way of influencing the count. The way of the Republican party is the better way to make public opinion felt, and it will be

The Muscovite Ficet at Hampton

Boads. The Russian fleet is now running down towards Hampton Roads, where they will quarter for the winter. Russia and the United States are on the most cordial terms of friendship. The Muscovite fleet anchored in our waters is another opportunity for the American citizen to manifest their sincere friendship for a nation which showed us so much kind ness during our terrible struggle for national existence only eleven years since. We welcome the Grand Duke and Russian fleet to our waters, and congratulate the Prince and his naval countrymen upon their safe and prosperous voyage.

Political Witches and Macbeth Tilden.
The famous bar'l of money still appears to haunt the conscience stricken Democracy, and they cry in vain "Thou canst not say I did it Shake not your guilty hoops at me." The guilty Macbeth Tilden, standing in the dark cave of the political witches which have surrounded him since he became a candidate for the Presidency, finds these hags now dancing about their boiling caldron of fraud, murder and corruption, and conjuring up before his startled gaze all of the accumulated acts of his political conduct for the past six months. They cry, "Come high or low, thyself and office deftly show." At first the apparitions of the men who used his gold at St. Louis arise from the guilt-stained bar'l and cry, "Corrupt! corrupt! corrupt!" and, shrinking back, he mutters, "Had I three ears I'd hear your chiding tongues." Then comes the forms of those who used the

corruption fund in the city of New York.

These are followed by the armed mobs of Missizsipppi; these by the ghosts of Eliza Pink ston's murdered husband and little babe, and at last comes the apparition of Cronin, which is recognized immediately by his nose, and the three-thousand-dollar draft which he received from Pelton. The ghost shakes the electoral bribe at Macbeth, (Tilden,) who exclaims Thou art like the spirit of Cronin. Down lown, I say! Filthy hage, why did ye thus conjure up my guilty past, which shows me more than I dare see! Horrible sight; aye, now I see 'tis true. That which man does it wrong to gain a goal which worldly ambition craves will surely come some day to plagu him to the quick. Now that day and wrong

A Precedent for Congress Establishe by a New York Returning Board. In April, 1793, an election for Governo took place in New York. The candidate were Governor Clinton and Chief Justice Jay The former was re-elected.

By the then existing laws of New York the ballots that were taken in the several coun ties were, immediately after the election transmitted to the office of the Secretary of State, and there kept till the second Tuesday in May, when the board of canvassers were t onvene and canvass them.

The board of canvassers was a joint con mittee of eleven appointed by the Senate and House of Assembly of New York from themselves, and its duty was to canvass the votes cast for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, and to announce the result. The coard of canvassers consisted of David Gelston, Thomas Tillotson, Daniel Graham, Melancton Smith, David McCarty, P. V. Courtlandt, Jonathan N. Havens, Samuel Jones saac Roosevelt, Leonard Gansevoort, and

Joshus Sands. The joint committee threw out and de stroyed the votes of Clinton, Otsego, and Tioga counties, thereby electing Clinton Gov-

The subject was fully discussed by many promicent men of both parties, among them Rufus King, Stephen Lush, Cornelius Bogart Aaron Burr, Pierpont Edwards, John Law rence, Jonathan D. Sergeant, Robert Troug Edmund Randolph, Asher Miller, and Dudley Baldwin. The greatest interest was felt in the result throughout the United States, and an attempt was made to bring the matte before the New York House of Assembly That body decided as follows:

"Whereas by the eleventh section of the act for regulating elections it is emeted that all questions which shall arise upon any envass and estimate, or upon any of the proceedings therein, shall be determined according to the opinion of the major part of the said cauvassing committee, and that their judgment and determination shall in all cases be binding and conclusive: Therefore, "Resolved, As the sense of this House, that the Legislature cannot annul or make void any of the determinations of the said committee."

The Mexican Muddle.

Portirio Diaz is making steady progres owards victory. On his northward march owards Matamoras State after State fell, fiv in number, and at every step new triumphi have been won. Iglesias, as a leader, is no success. He has been beaten back and back by the victorious legions of Diaz until he seems to have lost all hopes of attaining his mbitious ends, and is driven to the dire extremity. A few days ago he had fifteen thousand men, and was fortified in a strong osition, but now it is reported that who rigades of this force have deserted him and oined the foe. This is characteristic of the Mexican people. They have always had an ambition to be on the winning side whether it was right or wrong. To a Mexican nothing s so successful as success, no matter by wha means or through what channels the goal is

A call has been made by Gen. Mundez whom Diaz left to guard the City of Mexico for a new Presidential election on the 28th of the present month. In this call Iglesias is neither mentioned as a candidate nor an elector. This is pronounced by many as a very arbitrary proceeding, which will create turmoil instead of bringing peace.

The Electoral Count. In another column we present to our read ers a new and noteworthy view upon the ques tion of the proper authority to count the electoral votes, to which we invite the earnest have a part to take in the matter. It is a logical and exhaustive discussion of the whole subject, and clearly demonstrates the position assumed, that if is not competent for Congres to sit judicially as a court of review to sas upon the question of the votes to be counted and that the whole duty in the premises i purely ministerial, properly confided to the presiding officer of the body assembled to witness the proceeding, assisted by the cleri cal service of tellers. It also sufficiently shows that the election records of the States certified in due form, as in the case of othe State records to be given faith and credit is the several States, are to be received as conclusive of the question of the choice of electors. But the whole discussion must be read to get the full force of the points made, and

we again commend it to the perusal and study of thinking men. It has an interest for all. Mr. Holman's Parsimony. The brief consideration of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill in the House esterday developed the fact that the soul o parsimoniousness which so belittled the action of Mr. Holman last session still has that gen tlemen under its controlling influence. What glory this Indiana politician can find in starving out our diplomatic service abroad not visible. Last year his sordid frugality re duced our public servants in foreign lands into a state of beggary, which is a burning shame to the dignity of the Republic and blot on his record as a respectable representa tive of a still more respectable people. If the mighty genius of this Hoosier statesman car not be occupied in more reputable employ ment than in pulling our diplomatic servant into pinched circumstances, it had better be bottled up and shipped West for intermen Economy is right, but niggardly meanness i contemptible, and every true-spirited Ameri can will treat it with contempt.

The Democratic Scheme.

The Democratic members of the Committee on the Privileges, Powers and Duties of the House of Representatives have at last showed their full hand. They claim that "the President of the Senate has only power to open the votes and exercise such functions as the two Houses may clothe him with : that the powers of the two Houses are co-ordinate; that the two Houses must concur in order that a vot may be counted." To these claims the Re publican members of the committee dissent They saw through the Bourbon scheme to secure by trick what they lost at the ballot-box, and forthwith denied claims that were so un just. It is a good Democratic programme but rather too unconstitutional for the Repub lican party, which believes in the tradit powers and precedents. If the Democracy propose to force this scheme to the bitter end they will find the gall of defeat awaiting

them. They can count on that. HENRY WATTERSON edited the Chattanoog Rebel which traveled with the Confederate army in Georgia. When Jeff. Davis visited Bragg, as the was lying with his army before Chattanoogs. he was lying with his army before Chattanoogs, he addressed the soldiers, and Watterson made this complimentary extract: "His Excellency President Davis, in his address, scouted the idea of peace. He said he preferred to unite with a nation of hyenas to joining the Yankee again," ad. Henry Watterson, in his speech at Ford's Opera-house, seemed happily to have forgotten that more of these present were Variety for that many of those present were Yankees, to whom he and his friend, Jeff. Davis, preferred hyenns. Mr. Wattorson, in pledering the forces of Kentucky to support the inauguration of Tilden, also forgot to mention the fact that Genera Jackson, in his report on the battle of New Or leans, accuses the Kentucky troops of cowardice, but speaks of the two corps of colored troops, commanded by La Costa and Dagain, as valor

ous and brave men. IT IS NOW conceded by the Democrats of Mississippi that Isham G. Harris will be elected Mississippi that Isham G. Harris will be elected without opposition to the long term in the United States Senate. Isham G. Harris was a most notorious rebei during the war, and still claims the right of scotes on. If Southern Democrate desire to heal the old wounds caused by their treasonable conspiracy they should force such hot-heads as Harris and Toombs to the rear, and oring forward their best men for their leaders.

Gun. Ruagan, of Texas, said in the House recently that there was no man living who is more willing to shed his blood for the preservation of the Union than Jefferson Davis. Mr. Reagan forgots that Jeff, Davis declares that he will not accept amnesty at the hands of the National Government.

AN INCREASED consumption of baked boans a what's the matter with Watterson. IT is said now that no blood was drawn at Slaughter Station. After all, what is in a name: That Unmon slectoral collego came near being a bloody institution. All of the electors had upon their persons firearms in anticipation of trouble.

A Paris Paren says that "on the 1st of Decem ber eighty-seven houses and a church were burned in New Orleans. We regret the destruc-tion of the houses." Wicked, impious Paris.

Mn. The Dray's proposed visit to Washington is said to be for the purpose of winning back his Southern allies, who are now rapidly deserting him. This will be a fruitiess endeavor. BARLOW is in communication with Bennett

He is trying to gain some points in dueling to aid him in his coming conflict with Mr. Root. Still it is Root, Barlow, or die. Gov. Harms is constantly in receipt of anonymous letters, ernamented with cross-bones, threatening his amassination unless he withdraws immediately from the Presidential contest. President-elect Hayes is not that kind of a man. The Democrats may have Booths among them daring enough to commit the infamy, but they will have to ito the deed before they can prevent the inauguration of Hayes. Intimidation will not do it.

THERE was a very interesting check received in Incianati on the day before the October electo the order of, and paid to, Mr. J. R. McLean, and is said to have secured the election of two Democratic Congressmen, one of them the heroic reformer and economist, Banning. This is the kind of reform that is necessary to secure Dem-

THE New York Sun again promises its readers another conspiracy in Washington. Its conspiracies heretofore have turned out disgusting humbugs. The only conspiracy in Washington just now is the Democratic attempt to buil-doze the country. It is said that there are five thousand men in possession of arms and ammuniti already collected in Washington to consumms this conspiracy. It will be nipped in the bud at the proper time.

THE Cincinnati Enquirer says that Benjamin cratic party, and urges the Georgia Den return a man to the United States Senate whose name is not Benjamin Hill. The Old-Line Whigs and Douglas Democrats begin to see their error now in having formed a coalition with the hotded Democracy. They begin to ery out—
"We'll have a solid South no more—
Let this ring out from shore to shore:
'No North, no South, no East, no West,
A solid Union is the best,'"

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NAVY DEPARTMENT, } WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1876.

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f the record of the System of International Me corological Observations, taken simultaneously upon which the United States have entered The Secretary of the Navy enjoins the greates care and promptitude in the preparation of it.

Gro. M.2Ronzson.

INSTRUCTIONS. The blanks prepared and issued for these Sim-nitaneous International Meteorological Observations exhibit the character of the particular read-ings required. Any necessary additional instru-ments will be furnished by the Department with as little delay as practicable, and will be em-ployed as soon as received, to render the observa-tions more complete. Applications therefor, or correspondence upon the subjects of this order will be addressed to the Bureau of Navigation.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Anderson as "Meg Merrilies." We last evening witnessed a metamorphosis almost phenomenal. We had seen Miss Ander-in Juliet, in Evedne, in Ledy Macbeth and in other characters where her freshness, her youth, her beauty were displayed to the best advantage. We must confess we were somewhat curious to be present at the transition from the fair, love-sick daughter of the Capulets to the old, decreptd, haggard and terrible Gypsey queen. The memo-ries of Charlotte Cushman's grand and superb impersonation of this peculiar character was still fresh in our recollections. We had seen the old actress perform it at Booth's theatre, on the occa-We had been spectators of the enthusiastic scene that followed when an overjoyed popu-lace withdrew the horses from her carriage and dragged it themselves from the theatre to the hotel. It was the character which the veteran and gray-haired actress selected above all others to terminate her long, brilliant and honorable career upon the mimic stage—a career which has but few equals in the history of the profession which she ennobled. And it was a character which was eminently fitted to Miss Cushman's age, physique and histrionic powers, and which she regarded as among her best. With the image of Miss Cushman's Me Merities in our mind's eye, we could hardly sub-due our impatience to see a young girl not yot eighteen years of age essay the same role. Had we not witnessed Miss Anderson's wonderful de lineation of Eradne the evening previous, we would have deemed her too venturesome, nay, too rash, to risk such an attempt. But the flashes of tragic power displayed by Miss Anderson in Eradne buoyed us with the strongest hopes of her success. And we believe that we bespeak the sentiment of the fashionable and intelligent au-dience gathered at the play last night when we assert that Miss Anderson's Meg Merrilies was a grand and unique performance. Had Charlotte Cushman been present, she would have been the first and the most emphatic in her encomiums. Miss Anderson's disguise was complete. As she rushed out of her tent and stood confronting the half-intoxigated Dandie Dinmont, it would have been difficult indeed to ecognize in theweird, shriveled, dreadful appar on before us the youthful and lovely vision of the balcony scene in Romeo and Juliet. But w have no time, at this late hour, to enter into suc details as we would desire. It suffices to say that we have not seen Miss An-derson in any role in which we like her better, or in which we like her so much. Meg Merrilies, however, is not, in our opinion, a very great character. There is not enough of it. It has never reached a high place in popular estimation, and probably never will; and but for the circumstance that Miss Cushman made so much of the part it is doubtful whether "Guy Mannering" would not have become obsolete long ago. As a dramatic work "Guy Mannering" cannot be considered a great success, despite the advantage it had of being the creature, at least to some extent, of Sir Walter Scott. It cannot be strictly termed a play, as it partakes of the character of an opera fully as much as it does of the dramatic. Indeed, it is more than probable that "Guy Mannering" was dramatized more with the object of incorporating into it Sir Henry Bishop's beautiful music than with the expectation that its author, or authors, ever intended it to occupy a leading position in dramatic literature. The musical portion of the play was satisfactory, especially so in the case of Miss Annie Montague, whose Lucy Bertram was

excellent.
Mrs. Blanche Ford as Julia Mannering, alhough a volunteer, sung very sweetly. Mr. Stetson as Henry Bertrom was well rendered, Stetion as Benry Bertram was well rendered, his singing being a pleasing feature of the per-formance. The character of Dominie Sampsonwas, as usual, butchered in a brutal and inhuman manner. Instead of a learned gentleman, with an insatiable thirst for knowledge, but afflicted with a few grotesque eccentricities, Mr. Marble would transfer this delicate creation of Sir Walter Scott's into a clown and a fool. In the hands of a conscientious actor, not a low comedian, Dominie Sampson can be made one of the most effective and attractive of the dramatis persona. Miss Ancerson will enact Meg Merrilies again this evening, and we urge those who would see our rising tragedionne in one of her strongest and best characters to be present. To-morrow evening Miss Anderson appears in Berthe, the daughter of Roland. Scott's into a clown and a fool. In the hands of

ter of Roland,
ENERSON'S MINSTRELS.—The reception that Francon's Minerants.—The reception that has been given this excellent mineral organisation during the week, at Ford's opera-house, by the public testifies to their worth as superior performers, and shows that their claim as artists of ability is based on good grounds. An evening cannot be more satisfactority passed by persons searching for pleasure, and the visitors will feel repaid for going by the amusement proffered for their enjoyment. They will remain only two more nights, and those who have not seen them should take advantage of the remaining evenings to attend the performance.

PARIS ITEMS - TWENTY-RIGHT SUB-PREPECTS ARE IMPERATIVELY DISMISSED.
PARIS, Jan. 10.—Count Rampen, of the Left
Centre, was to-day elected one of the Vice Presi dents of the Senate in spite of the opposition of

The Montieur announces the impending dismissal of twenty-eight sub-prefects.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Suez Canal Company to-day a convantion with the maritime Powers which binds the company to expend 1,000,000 francs annually for the improvement of the canal terminates the long-atanding difficulty relative to tonnage dues, was passed by an almost unanimos rote.

BILLS, PRITTIONS, STO.,
Were presented and referred as follows:
By Mr. SPENCER: A joint resolution from
the Alabama Legislature to authorise the construction of a breakwater in the bay and harbor
of Mobile, Ala. To Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WEST: A petition from Thomas Adams and others, asking the improvement of the mouth of the Red river. Committee on Commerce. By Mr. BOUTWELL: A petition from the Bos

ton Board of Trade, asking for

THE REMONETIZATION OF SILVED.

Mr. BOUTWELL desired to have the memorial read, and said the Board of Trade was composed of men who had made this subject a study and had sarrived at very corroct conclusions, and he would only say, without discussing the question at any length, that the views not forth in the memorial fully scoorded with his own.

Mr. BOUT thought there were some very peculiar ideas set forth in this memorial, and he could not agree with them or the Senator from Massachusetts. In his opinion, sliver was now, under the law of 1972, a legal coin and a legal tender.

Mr. BOUTWELL said, without questioning the view of the law taken by the Senator from Missouri, he thought the views set forth in the memorial were correct. They desired to have Congress leave the question of sliver alone until other countries had agreed upon a correct value of gold and silver relatively, and they were in layer of an international convention for establishing the relative value of gold and silver.

Mr. BOGY thought Congress bught this very session to take some action, and the value should be made uniform.

Mr. SHEEMAN said the Senate had already passed such a bill, and it went over to the House last session, but so far they had taken no action of it.

By Mr. EDMUNDS: A report from the Joint

last session, but so far they had taken no sotion on it.

By Mr. EDMUNDS: A report from the Joint Committee on the Library, transmitting the annual report of the Librarian, and asked that five hundred extra copies be printed for the use of the Librarian. Adopted.

By Mr. DAWES: A bill to remove the disabilities of Charles L. Seott, of Uniformia.

Mr. DAWES said Mr. Scott was formerly a member of Congress, but went into the rebellion because the State which he then represented went into secession. He was in layor of the removal of his disabilities. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WINDOM, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported House bill 4168, to change the route of the McGregor Western railroad in Iowa.

Mr. WHIGHT called attention to the bill and

route of the McGregor Western ratiroad in Iowa.

Mr. WRIGHT called attention to the bill and saked its present consideration. He said it did not change the law in any respect, but permitted this railroad to run through one county instead of another—a mere change of route.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he had always had a fixed principle since he had been in the Senate, and that was not to consent to the passage of any railroad or land grant bill on the same day on which it was reported. He had no objection to this bill, but it was a bad custom to hurry bills of this nature through. Others might want to examine it before its passage.

Mr. WRIGHT said he would call it up tomorrow, then.

Mr. EDMUNDS. I have not the slightest obon Claims, Mr. w BIGHT, from the Committee on Claims, reported adversely on the bill for the relief of John W. Ray, late pension agent at Indianap-olls, Ind. Report adopted and bill indefinitely postponed.

Also, favorably upon the bill for the relief of
W. S. McComb, of Georgia, for rent of buildings
accruing after suspension of hostilities in the late
war. Flaced on calendar.

XTHEO THE COURT OF CLAIMS FOR TWO YEARS. Also, bill to extend the Court of the Commissioners of Claims for we years. Commissee on Jediciary. By Mr. DORSEY: A bill to amend a bill grant-ing a pension to Julia Scroggins. Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. INGALLS: A resolution requesting
the Secretary of State to transmit to the Senate
the report of the commissioners to adjust the
claims between citizens of the United States and

flains between citizens of the Charles of the Maxico.

Mr. CON KLING asked that the resolution be directed to the President and amended so as to read "if not incompatible with the public interest." It was so amended and adopted. WIDENING OF STREETS.

Mr. MORRILL called up the bill to authorise the taking of certain parcels of land for the pub-lic use at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Maryland avenues on the west front of the Capi-Maryland avenues on the west front of the Capitol grounds.

The bill was read, and Mr. Morrill explained the object of the bill, which was to widen out the street at the foot of the Capitol grounds and make the approach from Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol more convenient.

Mr. CONKLING said he had redded in Washington for sixteen years, and if there had been a time in all those years when a person could approach the Capitol confortably he did not know it. It was the intention now to creet a monument at the foot of the Capitol grounds, and the street had been crowded into a little narrow throat, into which the street transways had been laid, and everybody knows how damaging such tramways are to carriages. and everybody knows how damaging such tram-ways are to carriages.

He did not propose to oppose this bill, for he un-derstood that it proposed to cut off from the square how covered with buildings a sufficient portion of land to enlarge and widen the approaches to the Capitol. He hoped the bill would pass, and the change be made speedily; and it was to be hoped that somewhere in the near fujures time would some when a person could walk and ride to the

come when a person could walk and ride to the Capitol with some degree of comfort and case. The bill was then passed.

Mr. wRIGHT called up the bill to pay Francis Guilbeau, of San Antonio, Texas, \$2,000 claimed from the Government, and the bill was The CHAIR laid before the Senate the unfin-ished business, being House bill 3156, to perfect the revision of the laws.

The bill was read in detail, and the various amendments proposed by the House, consisting in nearly every instance of slight changes in the phraseology without changing the law, were adouted.

hraseology without changing the law, were dopted.

1-uring the reading, Mr. MORTON introduced resolution, which was referred to the Committee in Printing, providing for printing \$,000 extra opies of the testimony taken before the Commit-ee on Privileges and Elections.

HOUSE DEFICIENCY BILL. Mr. WINDOM also interrupted the reading to report from the Committee on Appropriations the House deficiency bill, with sundry amendments; which was placed on the Calendar.

At 4 o'clock, when about two-thirds of the bill had been acted upon, the Senate, without concluding the consideration of the bill, on motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, adjourned.

House of Representatives. The reading of yesterday's Journal occupied hirty minutes.

Mr. BANKS, of Mass., was, at his own request, excused from service on the special committee to investigate the Board of Police Commissioners of

this District.
On motion of Mr. DURHAM, of Ky., the bill to amend the Revised Statutes in relation to the fees of district attorneys, which was the special order for to-day, was postponed until after the West Point appropriation bill shall have been isposed of.
Mr. WHITTHORNE, of Tenn., from the Com-

mittee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to au-thorize a mixed commission to prescribe the naval policy of the United States, and it was made the special order for the 23d instant. DRIDGE ACROSS THE OHIO RIVER. The House then resumed the consideration of

the unfinished business of yesterday, which was the bill to repeal so much of the act of 1872 as provides for a pivot draw on bridges across the Ohio river, between Covington and Cincin

the Ohio river, between Covington and Cincinnati.

After some discussion by Mr. SAYLER in opposition to the bill, and by Mr. DURHAM in favor of it, Mr. REAGAN rose to close debate, whereupon a point was made that he had already consumed an hour in the discussion, and the SPRAKER sustained the point of order.

This led to a discussion of the question whether a member reporting a bill from a sommittee had a right to one bour for opening sad one hour for closing after the previous question had been seconded. All the precedents were that way, but the SPRAKER held otherwise, and that a member reporting a measure was entitled to only one hour. reporting a measure was entitled to only one hour.

After a discussion of nearly an hour Mr. RARANN was allowed to proceed by unanimous consent, the final decision of the question being reserved.

After further discussion by Messrs. RRAGAN, PIRROR, HOLMAN and DUNNELL, the bill was defeated by a vote of 74 year to 133 nays.

MR. O'BRIEM'S SILVER BILL.

The House then, as in the morning hour, resumed consideration of the bill reported yeater-day by Mr. O'BRIEW, of Maryland, from the Committee on Coleage, authorising the President to appoint a commission to attend a convention to defermine the relative value of gold and silver.

Mr. SEELYE, of Massachusetts, said he could not conceive that there should be any objection to the measure, as it was simply permissive, and the permission was one that should be granted. We were particularly interested in this because the United States was a silver-producing nation, and therefore it was desirable that the silver value should be fixed.

Mr. FORT, of Ill., opposed the bill because in his opinion it was but another step in the direction of driving silver away as a circulating medium.

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Mr. CHITTENDEN, of N.Y., thought this was a Mr. CHITTENDEN, of N. Y., thought this was a most proper measure. The other day this House had passed, with scarcely any debate, a bill to affect the silver question. He was amased that a question of so much moment should be disposed of so briefly by the House, when it was occupying the strention of the leading minds of the whole world. It was a subject that required the utmost and most careful deliberation, such a consideration as it would receive by a commission of scientifie men of all nations.

Mr. BLAND, of Mo., thought this question had been discussed sufficiently already in the House. At the last session a commission was appointed to determine the value of silver, so that the House might be informed, and it had not yet reported, so that he saw no good new of forming another commission to rove over foreign countries.

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Mr. O'BRIEN advocated the passage of the bill.

Mr. HEWITT, of N. Y., was surprised that the opposition to this bill should come from the gentlemen who were only the other day the advocates of the fixing again of silver as a standard. These gentlemen seemed to fear that this commission would affect silver as a legal tender. But it would not do so. Silver could only be established as a legal tender after a consultation and agreement with other nations, for no one could deny that the commerce of one country was intimately interwoven with that of others. Silver as a permasent standard of value could only be fixed by an international conference. Mr. Henri Cernuschi, who was now in this city, and who was the best authority on the silver question, was of this opinion, and he (Mr. Hawitri) was convinced that this silver question must be a subject of agreement with other nations, and this commission was only to ascertain if such age a ment could be arrived at. It was indispensable that the question should be discussed in all its bearings if an intelligent conclusion was to be reached.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, thought this matter

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The Senate was called to order at 18 m., and, in the absence of the chapitain, prayer was omitted.

THAT ORNGO SIECTAL CONGRESS. proper relative value of gold and sales established.

Mr. MOWROZ, of Obio, said he was an advocate the other day of the silver dollar, but for that reason he saw no inconsistancy to favoring this commission. He believed that such a commission would result in restoring silver as a standard of value over the civilized world.

CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC BILL. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the consular and diplomatic appropriation billing with Mr. Caulfriel, of Ill., in the chair. There was a brief discussion of Mr. Holman's amendment to further reduce the salaries of Ministers abroad, but without taking a vote the committee abroad, but without taking a vote the committee. nitice rose.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. Davy, of N. Y.,
member of the special committee on the Police
Board investigation in place of Mr. Banks.
The House then, at 4:30 p. m., adjourned.

GREEN-ROOM NOTES.

It is mentioned, sub-rose, that the husband of the late Parepa Rosa is to take another wife. Mr. Charles Fechter has been appearing as Ruy Blas and Hamlet at the Providence opera-house turing the present week. Blas and Hamlet at the Providence opera-house during the present week.

A telegram from St. Petersburg says: "Benefit of Jeanne Granier produced 23,000fr.; 20,000fr. of presents; forty-five ealls before the curtain."

Mrs. Hitchcock, the mother of the late H. S. Murdoch, has received through Mr. George K. Goodwin \$182, from a benefit given at the St Charles theatre, New Orleans.

Madame Patti's benefit in Moscow last Tuesday night was a tremendous suscess. More than three hundred bouquets were showered upon her, and she was presented with a pair of diamond and sapphire car-rings.

Mr. Coc, the stage manager of the Haymarket and sappaire car-rings.

Mr. Coe, the stage manager of the Haymarket theatre, London, was dismissed for receiving bonuses from actors for obtaining them engagements. For this action he sued the lassee of the theatre, and obtained \$6,000 damages.

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Mr. E. L. Davenport will appear as Daniel
Bruce in Gilbert's beautiful play at the Walnut
theatre, Philadelphia, tonight. "Masks and
Faces" is being acted every night this week at
the Chestnut theatre, Philadelphia, with F. F.
Macksy as Triplef, Miss Lillie Glover as Peg
Woffington, and Miss May Davenport as Kitty
Clive. Clive.

Miss Clara Morris is fully restored to health, and has resumed her personation of Miss Multon with her accessomed pathos and vigor. She is pronounced entirely out of danger, and in a position to continue her professional engagements. Her return to the scene of her triumphs, the stage of the Union Squares theatre, has created a new interest in the public.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS. Executive.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday:

Wm. L. Campbell, of Colorado, to be surveyor general district of Colorado, and John G. Clark, of Wiscossin, to be register as ironton, Mo. POSIMASFERS.—S. M. Jamison at Reno, Nev.; J. W. Elpher at Manhastan, Kan.; H. H. Aplin as Wenous, Mich.; Benjamin Swayze at Pekin, id.; C.F. Allen at Lancaster, N. H., and Mary J. Buckafellar at Mechanicaburg, Pa. WOMINATIONS TESTERDAY

State Departu THE VENEZUELAN AWARDS.

It appears from official documents that the Government of Venezuela some time ago expressed a desire to our Government to have a rehearing of the cases of the claims adjudicated by the commission and umpire against Venezuela. It was further said that the Venezuelan Government weak the the convention, though its limitation had expired, as if it were still in existence, and therefore a new one need not be negotiated, and would agree that a competent commission be appointed by both Governments, and that Venezuela would continue the psyment of the former awards in installments, on condition that the money should not be distributed to American citizens, but held on deposit for the payment of claims hereafter to be considered just. Soveral days ago Secretary Fish wrote to the Venezuelan Minister, expressing his regret at the persistency with which the Venezuelan Government sought to avoid its accountability in the matter of the awards. He said that in the convention between the two Governments every customary and practicable precaution was taken to insure fair dealing. Not only was one of the two commissioners a Venezuelan citizen, but the representative of the Emperor of Russis in Washington, who selected the umpire, made choice for that trust of a citizen of that republic also. THE VENEZUELAN AWARDS.

Treasury Department. The following letter, exposing the false character of the pretended retrenchment made by the Democratic Rouse at its last session, needs no

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Texasury Department, Jan. 3, 1877.

Sir: I have the honor to invite the attention of Congress to the present condition of the appropriation for temporary cierks for this Department, and to the necessity for providing an additional appropriation therefor to complete the service of the current fiscal year.

By the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government, approved August 13, 1876, a reduction was made in the permanent force of the Department amounting in numbers to Si5, and by the terms of the appropriation for temporary elerks, by which the sum of \$50,000, appropriated for the Treasury, was to be distributed among the various Departments—of which amount \$50,000 fave been allotted to the several Departments—a still further reduction in the force was made of 30 in number.

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Previous to the last year annual reductions had been made in the force of this Department fully equal, it is believed, to any decrease in the work to be performed, and for this year it will be observed that the reduction amounts in numbers to one fifth of the entire force employed in the Department at the commencement of the year. I would, therefore, urgently recommend that an appropriation of \$30,000 be made for temporary clerks for the remainder of the facal year, which, if granted, will relieve the Department from the delays and embarrassments which it will otherwise encogniter in the transaction of the business

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I am, very respectfully,
Lor M. Morrill, Secretary.

Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, President of the Senation Tempore.

Secretary Morrill is determined to make an example of Winslow, the clerk who abstracted a package of money from the cash room of the Treasury, and will not allow him to escape on the plea that the money has been returned. The Secretary thinks that if more justice and less mercy had been shown in the past to persons detected in robbing the Government the recent erime would not have happened.

The Secretary of the Treasury issued an order yesterday calling in the following five-twenty bends dated Nov. 1, 1855, which will be redeemed at the Treasury on and after April 10, 1877, on which day interest on these bonds will cease: Coupon bonds—\$100, No. 17001 to No. 21350, both inclusive; \$500, No. 2101 to No. 25700, both inclusive; \$40,00, No. 2101 to No. 2500, both inclusive; \$1,000, No. 2301 to No. 2500, both inclusive; \$1,000, No. 3530 to No. 250 to No. 2500, both inclusive; \$100, No. 351 to No. 3250, both inclusive; \$100, No. 3451 to No. 3250, both inclusive; \$400, No. 4750, both inclusive; \$1,000, No. 151 to No. 2500, both inclusive; Total registered, \$3,000,000. Aggregate, \$10,000,000. Interior Department. PIVE-TWENTY BONDS CALLED IN. Interior Department.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN COMMISSION.

The commission. consisting of Messra. Jerome, Barston and Stickney, of the board of Indian commissioners, and Brigadier General O. O. Howard and Major H. Clay Wood, of the United States army, appointed in October last to inquire into the status and claims of the sealled nen-treaty Ner Perces, and to effect a settlement, on a perminent basis of the difficulties between them and the settlers, recently aggravated by the murder by white men of one of Joseph's band, have made their report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Capital Notes. THE PACIFIC RAILBOAD. The Committee of the House on Pacific Rail-roads yesterday continued the consideration of the bill reported by the sub-committee for the construction of the Texas Pacific road. The sesthe oill reported by the sub-committee for the construction of the Texas Pacific road. The session was a protracted one, but the subject was not finally voted on. There is good reason to believe that the committee will, by a decisive majority, vote to report the bill to the House providing for the construction of the road, and giving the indersement of the Government to the bonds of the company for at least the main line of the road. Mr. Lamar, chairman of the committee, will have charge of the bill when reported.

OREGON ELECTION MUDDLE. The committee investigating the Oregon elec-tion muddle held no regular session yesterday. Senator Kernan, however, submitted a request from Senator Cockrilt that J. M. D. Prost, the alleged ineligible elector of Missouri, be sub-ponance, as his testimony might be material on some of the points involved. The order for sub-ponancy Mr. Frost was made and placed in the hands of the Sergeaut-at-Arms.

THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

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The select committee, of which Mr. LeMoyne is chairman, will, it is expected, meet this morning, for the purpose of investigating the Police Board of the District of Columbia, and will examine, as the first witness, Major A. C. Richards, Superintendent of Police. In this connection it may be observed that several members of Congress have expressed grave doubts whether they did not act unwisely in voting, under the impulse of the moment, to abolish the Board of Police, and a wish has been expressed by some that the President would vote the bill, in order that they might have an opportunity to give the subject proper consideration. Of late it has become so popular popular in Congress to abuse the District of Columbia that a blow at its interests meets a cordial response from one class, while anether class fears to reusis it less there should be a clamor raised in their districts that they selliste with some District ring or another, and that thereby their chances of re-election are weakened. There can be no doubt but that some of the best men of Congress have, in the near past, been left at home through the senseless charge that they were connected with the District ring, simply because they stood by the interests of the capital.

REGISTRATION OF TRADE-MARKS. The house Committee on Fatents held a meeting yesterday, and after assigning days for the consideration of different bills pending before the committee took up and considered the bill regulating the registration of trade-marks. This bill has occupied the attention of the committee at several of its sessions, and its consideration was not concluded when the committee adjourned.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HOUSE. The Democratic members of the committee on the privileges, powers and duties of the House of Representatives have agreed to report: 1. That the President of the Senate has only power to open the votes and to exercise such other functions as the two Houses may clothe him with. 2. That the powers of the two Houses are co-ordinate. 2. That the two Houses must concur in order that a vote may be counted. The two Republican members, Mossrs. H. C. Burchard and MoDill, dissent, and take the ground that the concurrence of the two Houses is necessary in order to reject a vote.

A clerical error-A parson's entry into

A Reuter dispatch from Madrid says the difference reported in a Berlin dispatch to the London Detly Acus of June 9 to exist between the Spatish and German and Log fish Governments concerning traffic with the Spotoc Islands, are represented here to be purely commercial, and of no gravity from a diplomatic view. The questions pending are stated to be fin course of arrangement, and an early definitive settlement is expected.

proted.

The council of Ministers held yesterday came to a decision relative to the course to be taken by the Turkish plenipotentiaries at the session of the conference to-day. What the decision is has not yet become known. It appears certain that the conference will continue sitting. The smallpox is moving steadily southward from Winnepeg. There is not a single uninfected in Gimb. It has also broken out in Big Island, where the Icelanders live.

where the Icelanders live.

According to the Registrar General's return, deaths from smallpox rose last week to 118 against 75 of the previous week. The Metropolitan hospital, London, contained 899 smallpox patients on Saturday last, against 823 of the previous Saturday. About 200 cases were refused admission during the week, all available beds being occupied. The French Senate yesterday re-elected Duke D'Avoiffret Pasquier president of that body.

The Desily Telegraph's correspondent at Perasays should the Porte persist in upholding the constitution as the only admissible solution of the questions at issue, Germany will threaten to retire immediately from the conference. Unless the Porte gives a definitive reply to the European proposals within a certain number of hours the ambassadors of the six Powers will immediately leave.

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A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Political Correspondence of Vienna says it is officially reported that there are only 1,351 invalids in the mobilised army of Russia, and no epidemies prevail.

The Berlis correspondent of the Times, reviewing the situation, concludes that Russia, to gain time, has no objection to reverting to Andrassy's note. It is doubtful how long this Turkish expedient will be effectual. Russia begins to realise that she must mobilize a larger army to coerce Turkey, not for war, but to support diplomatic sciton. The knowledge that her present mobilized force is insufficient has produced no pacific sentiment.

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